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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE - Large Entity	1453 1,330 Petition to revive - unintentional			
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Claims Below Paid	1502 480 Design issue fee			
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1202 18 Claims in excess of 20	1801 770 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
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1203 290 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	1454 1330 Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for			
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